

COTTON PRICES SHOWED SHARP GAINS AT CLOSE—LAKE SUPERIOR ACTIVE IN LOCAL MART

FOREIGN SELLING OF STOCKS WELL TAKEN

Stocks Sold Off in Late Trading on Heavier Offerings From Home and Abroad.

NEW YORK. March 25.—There was some diminution of activity in the stock market today, but the undertones were good. Prices at the opening were generally fractionally above the final of yesterday, thus showing that the floating supply of stock was small. Before the close of the first hour heavy realization sales were made which caused a recession in prices from the high, and many issues were sold below the final of yesterday. The sales were made for weak bulls who desired to bring up their accounts. Stocks were well taken on the decline and sales were not pressed. The market was now again resumed its upward movement, but the stocks offered for sale had been taken care of and the supply again became smaller than the demand. Higher priced issues were more active today.

Offerings both for home and foreign accounts were larger in the afternoon session, and the market sold off from the high of the day. The principal supply of stock seemed to come from individual investors who were taking profits. Atchison preferred responded to the favorable statement of February by advancing a point above the final of yesterday, but eased off in the late trading and closed at last night's level.

The offerings of stock became larger as the afternoon advanced and the rise of market appeared to be effectively checked at the close. Some issues were still strong, while a number of others, just right, were making gains for the day. The major market showed gains for the day. The favorable earnings statements of many railroads issued during the day acted as a brake, and helped to sustain the market.

All interest seemed to be switched from the cotton market in the late trading, and prices of cotton advanced sharply to new high points of the year on fairly active demand.

On the decline there was also considerable amount of foreign selling. This was largely in response to the fact that prices had fallen to a level at the close on July 27 settlement, and therefore institutions in London can resume liquidation of collateral assets. The selling in Union Pacific yesterday was largely of this kind, but it is believed that this has been about cleaned out.

Union Pacific again resumed its upward swing and crossed 155 before noon for advance of nearly 15c since yesterday. The New York and Southern Pacific became one of its leaders. Baltimore and Ohio still remained in the foreground and advanced 2½ points. The rise was based on favorable February statement.

News that the Government proposed to investigate complaints that the Bethlehem Steel Company has been supplying munitions in parts to the British Government did not affect the stock today, and the price rose above the final of yesterday at the close, however, it weakened in sympathy with the rest of the list.

In the budget of news was the announcement of further imports of gold from Canada, this being 4,000,000 dollars per month.

In consequence the foreign exchange market was a trifle stronger. The belief is growing daily that Great Britain will be compelled to establish a big credit horizon, if our exports continue on an large a scale as heretofore, which will cause further weakness in foreign exchange.

New York Bond Sales

HIGH. LOW. CLOSE.

1900 Amer Air 50...100 100 100

1900 Amer Ind 100...100 100 100

1900 Amer Hld & L 100...102 102 102

1900 Amer Tel & T 87½...87 87 87

1900 Amr Corp 40...102 102 102

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